

2006 Census Test Fact Sheet

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The 2006 Census Test is one of a series of activities that the U.S. Census Bureau is conducting to evaluate new methods and procedures under consideration for the 2010 Census. The Cheyenne River Reservation is one of the proposed sites for the 2006 Census Test.

Cheyenne River Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, South Dakota

The Cheyenne River Reservation comprises most of Dewey and Ziebach counties; off-reservation trust lands are located in Meade, Haakon, Stanley, and Sully counties. The reservation is bounded on the east by the Missouri River and on the south by the Cheyenne River.

The Census Bureau is testing:

- ✓ How to improve enumeration methods on an American Indian reservation.
- ✓ Whether new census coverage procedures will enhance the quality of data on people, housing units, and group quarters (e.g., correctional facilities, group homes, and juvenile institutions).
- ✓ The effectiveness of using hand held computers with Global Positioning System technology for data collection and support operations.

How we will count residents for the 2006 Census Test:

- ✓ Census-takers will visit each household to update or add addresses to the master address list and to conduct census interviews.

Pay rates for selected census jobs:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Proposed Hourly Pay Rate</u>
Crew Leader	\$10.75
Enumerator	\$ 9.25
Clerk	\$ 7.00

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Sen. John Thune, R–S.D.

Sen. Tim Johnson, D–S.D.

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Interesting facts:

- ✓ Cheyenne River Reservation covers 2.8 million acres (about the size of Connecticut).
- ✓ In 1990, the population of the Cheyenne River Reservation was 7,743 and in 2000 the population of the Cheyenne River Reservation and Trust Lands was 8,470.
- ✓ About 40 percent of the population moved between 1995 and 2000.
- ✓ About 20 percent of the housing units on the reservation are mobile homes.
- ✓ Eight percent of the homes lack telephone service.

Demographics	Cheyenne River Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, S.D.	United States
Population, 2000	8,470	281,421,906
Housing units, 2000	3,004	115,904,641
Vacancy rate, 2000	14 percent	9 percent
Owner-occupied housing units, 2000	56 percent	66 percent
Renter-occupied housing units, 2000	44 percent	34 percent
Average household size, 2000	3.2 persons	2.6 persons
Householders living alone, 2000	21 percent	26 percent
Percentage of population by race, 2000	White – 25 percent American Indian/Alaska native – 74 percent Two or more races – 1 percent	75 percent 1 percent 2 percent
Population 5+ who speak a language other than English at home, 2000	18 percent	18 percent
Median household income, 1999	\$22,094	\$41,994
Per capita income, 2000	\$8,710	\$21,587
Individuals below poverty-level, 1999	39 percent	12 percent
Families w/children under 5 years below poverty, 1999	48 percent	17 percent
Educational attainment, 2000		
Less than 9 th grade	6 percent	8 percent
9-12 grade, no diploma	18 percent	12 percent
High school graduate	33 percent	29 percent
Some college	24 percent	21 percent
Associate's degree	7 percent	6 percent
Bachelor's degree or higher	12 percent	24 percent
Population under age 18, 2000	40 percent	26 percent
Population 65+, 2000	8 percent	12 percent
Median age, 2000	25.7	35.3

Source: Census 2000. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sfl.pdf for 100-percent Census 2000 data and www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf for Census 2000 sample data.